



Fact Sheet:



Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities - Governor's Program

Overview

The Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities (SDFSC) Program is the Federal government's primary vehicle for reducing drug, alcohol and tobacco use, and violence, through education and prevention activities in the nation's schools and communities. It is a formula grant program, administered by the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) Office of Elementary and Secondary Education. Funds are provided to state and local educational agencies, as well as to Governors, for a wide range of school and community-based education and prevention activities in order to create a safe and drug-free learning environment that supports student academic achievement.

Annually, 80 percent of California's allocation is distributed to the California Department of Education (CDE). The remaining 20 percent of California's allocation (Governor's Program) is given to the Governor to assign a designee to administer the funds. The Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) has been designated by the Governor to administer these funds. For federal fiscal year 2003, California's share of the formula grant was \$60,756,063. CDE received \$48,604,850 and ADP received \$12,151,213 in SDFSC funds.

Governor's Program

The Governor's Program is designed to complement CDE SDFSC funding by serving:

- Children and youth who are not normally served by State or local educational agencies; or
- Populations that need special services or additional resources such as youth in juvenile detention facilities, runaway or homeless children and youth, pregnant and parenting teenagers, and school dropouts.

SDFSC Programs must be based on:

- Objective data to identify needs;
- An established set of performance measures;
- Scientifically based research;
- An analysis of risk and protective factors; and
- Meaningful and ongoing participation of parents.

County Grants

ADP released two request for applications (RFAs) to fund ATOD and violence prevention programs that meet the requirements of the law and can achieve measurable results. 43 grants were competitively awarded to 35 counties. Grants are for three years with a maximum award of \$200,000 per year.

For more information regarding Governor's Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Program or list of grantees, please visit

<http://www.adp.ca.gov/Prevention/sdfsc.shtml> or contact ADP's Prevention Services Division by phone at (916) 324-4398 or by email at <mailto:SDFSC@adp.state.ca.us>.

For more information regarding California Department of Education's SDFSC programs, please visit

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/healthykids/safedrugfree.htm>